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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INTERNAL SETTLEMENT CLOSE

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1. PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT SMITH REFUSED IN HIS JANUARY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) TO DISCUSS ANY DETAILS OF SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES EXCEPT TO SAY THAT BROAD AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. THE MAJOR PORTION OF HIS STATEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY AIMED AT THE BRITISH WHO HE ACCUSED OF ENTERING " AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE" WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

2. LOCAL NEWS ITEMS STATE, HOWEVER, THAT TWO MEETINGS WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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HELD BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON JANUARY 25 AND THAT THE LAST MAJOR OBSTACLE, THE DURATION OF THE GUARANTEED WHITE SEATS, HAD BEEN OVERCOME . CITING NATIONALIST SOURCES, THE REPORTS STATE THAT ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING SITHOLE, HAVE NOW AGREED ON A TEN YEAR LIMIT AND THAT SMITH WILL BE ANNOUNCING " WITHIN HOURS OR DAYS" THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT

THERE WILL BE A COUNCIL OF STATE WITH FOUR EQUAL
PARTNERS- SMITH, SITHOLE, CHIRAU AND MUZOREWA-- AND SMITH
WILL STEP DOWN AS PRIME MINISTER. THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT WILL THEN REPORTEDLY DECIDE ON THE ISSUES
OF A CEASEFIRE, THE NEW NATIONAL ARMY, THE RELEASE OF
POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES.
A DRAFT CONSTITUTION WOULD BE PRESENTED FOR A WHITE REFERENDUM
TO BE FOLLOWED BY GENERAL ELECTIONS. ONE ARTICLE QUOTES
NATIONALIST SOURCES AS SAYING THE PF IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THIS REPORT SAYS A FORMAL AGREEMENT IS
BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES TODAY.
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